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Serial No: 08/949,988

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Examiner: Tien Quang Dinh
SPE Examiner: Teri Luu

Appeal No: 2005-2541

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MAXIMIZING
SATELLITE CONSTELLATIONCommissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Dear Sir:

On January 18, 2005, applicants received a PTO communication indicating that the applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed March 12, 2002, failed to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and MPEP §609 because it did not contain one of the two required statements in item (e). Upon review of the statement, applicant's counsel called Examiner Dinh to discuss this issue, because applicant felt that the statement within the submission did comply with item (e). Agreement could not be reached with Examiner Dinh; therefore, counsel contacted Examiner Dinh's SPE, Teri Luu to discuss the applicant's statement. Examiner Luu asked counsel to fax the Information Disclosure Statement to her attention so that she could review. This was done on February 9, 2005. To date, applicants have not heard an outcome to Examiner Luu's review.

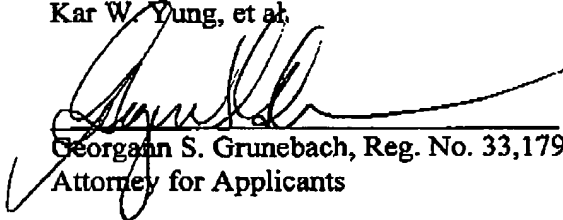
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Applicants respectfully request that they be provided with the status of this response in order to have the Information Disclosure Statement considered, or resubmitted for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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